

March 20, 2006 Date of Deposit

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1645

LIEM ET AL.

Examiner: Ford, Vanessa, L.

**APPLICATION NO: 10/645,643** 

Confirmation No. 8789

FILED: AUGUST 21, 2003

FOR: FUSOBACTERUIM NACROPHORUM VACCINE AND METHOD

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MS: RCE

Commissioner for Patents

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

On October 19, 2005, the Examiner issued a Final Office Action having a three month shortened statutory deadline for responding which was January 19, 2006. The Applicants submitted an After Final Response on January 12, 2006. The Examiner issued an Advisory Action on March 8, 2006.

This Request for Continuing Examination is being filed on March 20, 2006 which is five months after the mail date of the Final Office Action (March 19, 2006 being a Sunday and thus the deadline is postponed to the next working day). As such, an Extension of Time for 5 months is required and attached.

Below is a Amendments to the Claims section, followed by the Remarks section.